

Husson Stock Index

Week Ended December 17, 2021

For the week ending December 17, 2021, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week at 233.61, down 0.69% from last week's close of 235.24. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 finished the week at 4,620.64, down 1.94% from last week's close of 4,712.02. Comparing the HSI and S&P year-to-date, the HSI is up 13.10% and the S&P is up 23.02%.

Summary

The best performing stock based on percentage change this past week was Charter Communications, Inc. (CHTR: NASDAQ). The stock price increased 6.40%, or \$39.11, from last week, closing at \$650.00. Charter Communications, Inc. has a year-to-date decrease of 1.75%, or \$11.55. According to Seeking Alpha, of the \$1.2 trillion spending bill just signed into law, "Charter Communications Inc. (CHTR) will receive some \$40 billion in grants to expand their networks to rural areas. This program will result in an increase in the number of households that could eventually become full-paying customers, which in return will benefit the telecom industry in the long term."

The worst performing stock based on percentage change this past week was Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI: NYSE). The stock price decreased 7.89%, or \$11.98, from last week, closing at \$139.83. Darden Restaurants, Inc. has a year-to-date increase of 17.39%, or \$20.71. Notwithstanding fiscal 2nd quarter earnings and sales which beat analyst estimates, the stock was down. Investor's Business Daily believes that was due to the CEO announcing his retirement and the company raising its minimum wage to \$12 per hour plus tips.

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. Class B shares were delisted and converted into Class A shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The shares of the company were removed from the Husson Stock Index.

Overview

The HSI was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The HSI tracks and analyzes the stocks of 28 companies that are considered to affect the Maine economy. These companies are either based in Maine or have an influence on the Maine economy through employment or consumer spending. This price-weighted index offers a numerical breakdown of Maine's economy. The analysis looks into the events of the week and finds the likely reasons the index

went up or down. This index and analysis help provide a better understanding of Maine's economy as well as explain significant changes in stock prices of the companies that comprise the HSI.

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Composition of the Husson Stock Index (HSI)

Ticker Symbol: Exchange	Stock	Maine Affiliation	Sector
AGR: NYSE	Avangrid, Inc.	Presence	Utilities
BAC: NYSE	Bank of America Corporation	Presence	Financials
BHB: NYSE	Bar Harbor Bank	Maine- based	Financials
CAC: NASDAQ	Camden National Corporation	Maine- based	Financials
CHTR: NASDAQ	Charter Communications, Inc.	Presence	Communications Services
CL: NYSE	Colgate-Palmolive Company	Maine- based	Consumer Staples
CVET: NASDAQ	Covetrus, Inc.	Maine- based	Health Care

DRI: NYSE	Darden Restaurants, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
FNLC: NASDAQ	The First Bancorp, Inc.	Maine- based	Financials
GD: NYSE	General Dynamics Corporation	Presence	Industrials
HLT: NYSE	Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
HD: NYSE	The Home Depot, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
ICCC: NASDAQ	ImmuCell Corporation	Maine- based	Health Care
IDXX: NASDAQ	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	Maine- based	Health Care
LOW: NYSE	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
MCD: NYSE	McDonald's Corporation	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries

NBN: NASDAQ	Northeast Bank	Maine-based	Financials
PENN: NASDAQ	Penn National Gaming, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
RAD: NYSE	Rite Aid Corporation	Presence	Consumer Staples
RTX: NYSE	Raytheon Technologies Corporation	Presence	Industrials
TD: NYSE	The Toronto-Dominion Bank	Presence	Financials
TMUS: NASDAQ	T-Mobile US, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Services
UPS; NYSE	United Parcel Service, Inc.	Presence	Industrials
UNM: NYSE	Unum Group	Presence	Financials
VLO: NYSE	Valero Energy Corporation	Presence	Energy
WMT: NYSE	Walmart Inc.	Presence	Consumer Staples

WEX: NYSE	WEX Inc.	Presence	Information Technology
WBA: NASDAQ	Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Staples